

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

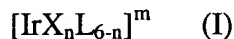
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising silver halide grains containing: three or more kinds of transition metal complexes each having a different electron-releasing time respectively classified into any of Class A (100 seconds or more), Class B (more than 1/10 seconds and less than 100 seconds), and Class C (more than 1/1000 seconds and 1/10 seconds or less), in which the silver halide grains have a silver chloride content ratio of 95 mol % or more and a localized silver bromide phase.

2. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the localized silver bromide phase contains the transition metal complex classified into Class B.

3. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the complex in Class C contained in the silver halide grains is an iridium complex represented by General Formula (I):

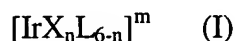


wherein X represents a halogen ion, L represents an inorganic compound except halogen or an organic compound, n represents 4 or 5, and m represents an integer of from -4 to +2.

4. (currently amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising silver halide grains containing: three or more kinds of transition metal complexes each having a different electron-releasing time respectively classified into any of Class A (100 seconds or more), Class B (more

than 1/10 seconds and less than 100 seconds), and Class C (more than 1/1000 seconds and 1/10 seconds or less), in which the silver halide grains have a silver chloride content ratio of 95 mol % or more and a localized silver iodochloride phase.

5. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the complex in Class C contained in the silver halide grains is an iridium complex represented by General Formula (I):

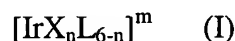


wherein X represents a halogen ion, L represents an inorganic compound except halogen or an organic compound, n represents 4 or 5, and m represents an integer of from -4 to +2.

6. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the silver halide grains further have a localized silver iodochloride phase.

7. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the localized silver bromide phase contains the transition metal complex classified into Class B.

8. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the complex in Class C contained in the silver halide grains is an iridium complex represented by General Formula (I):



wherein X represents a halogen ion, L represents an inorganic compound except halogen or an organic compound, n represents 4 or 5, and m represents an integer of from -4 to +2.

9. (currently amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising silver halide grains containing: three or more kinds of transition metal complexes each having a different electron-

releasing time respectively classified into any of Class A (100 seconds or more), Class B (more than 1/10 seconds and less than 100 seconds), and Class D (~~more than~~ 1/1000 seconds or less), in which the silver halide grains have a silver chloride content ratio of 95 mol % or more and a localized silver iodochloride phase.

10. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the silver halide grains further have a localized silver bromide phase.

11. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the localized silver bromide phase contains the transition metal complex classified into Class B.